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## Pankaj Oudhia

### Introduction

**Based on Ethnobotanical surveys since year 1990 in different parts of India Pankaj Oudhia has documented vital information about Medicinal Plants mentioned in the famous publication by Kirtikar and Basu (1918). Through this research document Pankaj Oudhia has tried to present original document with additional notes. For complete paper with pictures, Interactive Tables, Video and Audio clips please visit [pankajoudhia.com](http://pankajoudhia.com)**

For original publication by Kirtikar and Basu (1918) please visit <https://archive.org/details/indianmedicinalp01kirt>

384. *M. pruriens*, D.C., h.f.b.i., ii. 187.

Sans.- -Atmagupta, kapikachhu, vanari.

Vern. :— Kiwach, goucha(PL) ; Alkusa (B.) Konatch (Nepal.) ;

Kach-kuri (Dec.) ; Kuhili ^Bomb.) ; Kavach (Mar.) ; Kivanch

(GuzO ; Punaik-kali (Tam.) ; Pilliaduga (Tel.) ; Nayik-korana

(Mai.) ; Nasaguni-gida (Kan.)

Habitat : — Cosmopolitan in the Tropics, from the Himalayas in the plains to Ceylon and Burma. Western Peninsula, Assam, Khasi Hills.

**[Pankaj Oudhia's Comment: *It is one of the popular medicinal crops in India these days. Mucuna is grown both organically and chemically by Herb Growers. The Traditional Healers are growing this herb in their Badi since generations by using Traditional Allelopathic Knowledge.*]**

A semi-woody climber, annual or perennial, with slender terete branches, usually clothed with short, white, deflexed hairs. Leaves large, rachis 3-5in. ; sparingly deflexed, hairy. Leaflets 3-4in., on short thick hairy stalks, terminal ones smaller and rhomboid-oval, lateral ones very unequal, with the lower half greatly dilated, all acute, mucronate, pubescent above,

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densely covered with shining, silvery, adpressed hair beneath ; flowers dull, dark-purple, the keel yellowish-green, numerous, 1j-1f in. long, on short pubescent pedicels, usually two or three

together at intervals, on a slender pubescent raceme 6-12in, long.

Bracts Jin., lanceolate, hairy, soon falling. Calyx densely silky,

2 upper segments completely connate ; lower much longest.

Pod 2f-3in. by about Jin. broad, linear, blunt, falcately curved

at both ends, a longitudinal rib along whole length of each

valve, but without wings, densely covered with close, rather

weak, orange-brown, irritant bristles, pointing backward and

readily detached, 4-6-seeded, with partitions between them.

Seed ovoid, } in., compressed, brownish, mottled with black,

hilum oblong, not half the length of seed.

Parts used. — The seeds, root and legume. **[Pankaj Oudhia's Comment: *All parts are used as medicine. I have documented information about plus 300,000 Traditional Herbal Formulations in which Mucuna plant parts are added as important ingredients. Thousands of Formulations are still waiting for documentation.***

Use. — According to Susruta, the seeds are aphrodisiac; the

root is tonic and useful in nervine diseases (DuttJ.

**[Pankaj Oudhia's Comment: *Please see Table Mucu-25, 26, 27, 28 and 29 for list of Herbal Formulations with major ingredients popular among Traditional Healers of Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Orissa, West Bengal and Andhra Pradesh.***

Ainslie says that a strong infusion of the root, mixed with

honey, is prescribed by the Tamool doctors in cholera. **[Pankaj Oudhia's Comment: *The Traditional Healers of present generation use it less commonly for this trouble.***

The use of the hairs of the mucuna pod as a vermifuge to expel ascarides appears to have originated in the West Indies, no mention of such an employment of them being found in Indian works (Dymock).

The pods are officinal in the Indian Pharmacopoeia, to be used as an anthelmintic.

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In the West Indies [**Pankaj Oudhia's Comment: *Also in India and Nepal.***], a decoction of the root is reckoned a powerful diuretic and cleanser of the kidneys, and also made into an ointment for elephantiasis. Leaves are applied to ulcers. A vinous infusion of the pods is said to be a certain remedy for dropsy (Drury).

The root is prescribed as a remedy for delirium in fever in Chutia Nagpur. [**Pankaj Oudhia's Comment: *Also in other parts of India.***] Powdered and made into a paste, it is applied to the body in dropsy, a piece of the root being also tied to the wrist and ankle. The seed is believed to absorb scorpion-poison when applied to the part stung (Revd. A. Campbell).



An ointment prepared with the hairs acts externally as a local stimulant and wild vesicant. (Watt.)

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